



BERNCo at a Glance

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ZONING ADMINISTRATOR HEARING

Second Wednesday of month
Wednesday, March 8, 2017
9 a.m.

BERNALILLO COUNTY COMMISSION MEETINGS

Zoning Meeting
Tuesday, March 14, 2017
3 p.m.

Administrative Meeting
Tuesday, March 14, 2017
5 p.m.

Administrative Meeting
Tuesday, March 28, 2017
5 p.m.

*All meetings listed above
are held in the
Vincent E. Griego Chambers
in the basement of the
city/county
government building.*

*One Civic Plaza
Fifth Street
and Marquette NW,
unless indicated
otherwise*

\$10.7+ Million in Behavioral Health Initiatives in Action

Since last September, the County Commission has approved over \$10.7 million in behavioral health proposals and initiatives:

- Most recently is the Metropolitan Detention Center (MDC) Transition Planning and Re-entry Resource Center located at 401 Roma NW (the current Public Safety Center) which will service individuals leaving MDC and returning to the community assisting them to achieve long term stability while providing a safe place to transition back into society | **\$1.34 million**
- Housing program that will increase supportive housing throughout Bernalillo County specifically for persons with behavioral health conditions who are homeless | **\$1.2 million**
- Mobile crisis teams that will respond to individuals experiencing a nonviolent behavioral health crisis that necessitates a 911-response | **BernCo \$1 million, City of ABQ \$340,000**
- Community engagement team that will help people and their families to voluntarily cope with the effects of mental illness and substance abuse disorders in the comfort and familiarity of their home | **\$1 million**
- Supportive housing for individuals with behavioral health needs coming out of the jail (to minimize jail re-entry) | **BernCo \$1.3 million, City of ABQ \$503,000**
- Implement a reduction of adverse childhood experiences project to develop a system that maintains a strong collaboration of professionals who work with at-risk children and families including early intervention, support / treatment, harm reduction and outreach | **\$3 million**
- Transitional living program to specifically serve at-risk youth who are precariously housed or homeless with a mental health or addiction diagnosis | **\$650,000**
- Contracting with the UNM's Institute for Social Research to implement a performance management strategy which measures the effectiveness of implemented programs and constantly strives to improve the performance of programs | **\$246,553**
- Contract a Behavioral Health Advisor | **\$140,000**

For more information about the BernCo behavioral health initiative, please visit www.bernco.gov/health-and-public-safety/behavioral-health.aspx.

A Map of My Own — personal cartographies



A collaborative art exhibit by professional women artists and young women from the Youth Services Center (detention facility). The exhibition will run **March 4-30** at the African American Performing Arts Center Gallery, 310 San Pedro NE. The public is invited to the **Artist's Reception on March 17 from 5:30-7 p.m. at the African American Performing Arts Center Gallery**. More information at www.womenandcreativity.org, www.bernco.gov/public-art-program or call (505) 314-0467.



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BERNALILLO COUNTY



WE'RE MORE THAN YOU THINK

Green Print Stakeholder and Steering Committee Meeting

Wednesday, March 8 beginning at 11 a.m.

Mid-Region Council of Governments, 809 Copper Ave. NW

Discussions about the community-based mapping process to identify priority lands for preservation by Bernalillo County using the funds from the 2014 Open Space Mill Levy.

Second Street Corridor Improvement Project Public Meeting

Thursday, March 16 — open house begins at 5:30 p.m., meeting begins at 6 p.m.

Mountain View Community Center, 201 Prosperity Ave. SW

This second public meeting will provide an update on this project that is currently in the design phase and at 70 percent completion. Design is expected to be completed by August 2017 and construction is expected to begin early 2018.

This project will design and construct a multi-use trail from the Valle de Oro Wildlife Refuge entrance to Mountain View Elementary School; reconstruct Second Street from Valle de Oro Wildlife Refuge entrance to Desert Road; realign Desert and Second Street intersection; and construct sidewalks along the west side of Second Street. The total project cost is \$12.5 million, including design, environmental clearance and construction.

For more information about this project, please visit www.bernco.gov/projects.

Los Padillas Community Center Planning Meeting

Wednesday, March 22 beginning at 6 p.m.

Los Padillas Community Center, 2117 Los Padillas SW

Planning meeting to discuss Los Padillas Community Center Service Area Master Plan and share with the community the future of First Choice Dental Clinic and the newly acquired property.

Unpermitted Septic Systems Presentation

Friday, March 31 from 1—3 p.m.

Deputy James McGrane Public Safety Center, 48 Public School Road, Tijeras

BernCo Natural Resource Services Program will be hosting a series of presentations throughout the year that will discuss and present information about septic systems.

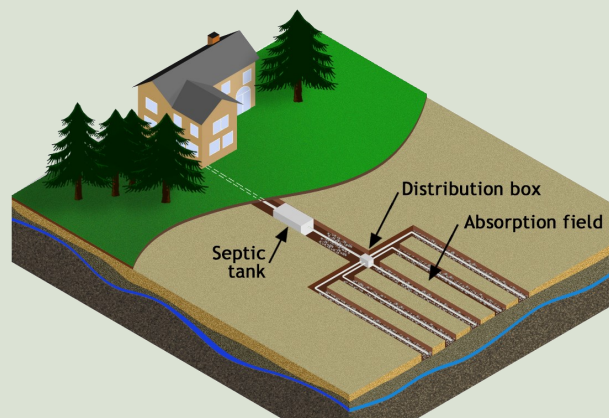
This first presentation will cover information about the most frequently asked questions about unpermitted septic systems — who needs an evaluation, what is involved with the evaluation process, what causes septic systems to fail, permits and financial assistance.

Future presentation topics will include:

- The Natural Resource Services Program—What do we do?
- Septic Effluent — How does it affect groundwater?
- Proper Septic Care and Maintenance

For more information about septic systems, please visit

www.bernco.gov/wastewaterFAQs.



Spring is in the Air!

Enjoy these BernCo Open Space free events by registering online at www.bemco.gov/openspace or calling (505) 314-0398.



Backyard Farming Series: Landscape for Life

This nationally recognized program covers the basics needed to plan and design your home garden landscape focusing on sustainability, permaculture, and wise use of our limited natural resources.

Each session builds on information shared from the previous classes and offers tools to assess your home landscape.

Extended mentor hands-on project for interested participants who want practical experiences and do not mind getting their hands dirty will follow each session.

Participants who attend all five sessions will receive a certificate and a chance to win a free rain barrel and other giveaways.

All sessions are from **9 a.m.—Noon** and take place at the **Gutierrez-Hubbell House, 6029 Isleta Blvd. SW.**

Sustainability in the Home Garden and the Role of Soil | March 4

Successful Soil Practices and the Role of Water | March 18

Successful Water Practices and the Role of Plants | April 1

Successful Plant Practices and Selecting Materials | April 22

**Recycled and Natural Building Materials in the Garden
and Complete Garden Design | May 20**

Four Seasons of Plant Wisdom:

Spring | Allergies and Sinuses

March 5 from 1—2:30 p.m.

Bachechi Open Space, 9521 Rio Grande Blvd. NW

This four-part series led by herbalist and health practitioner Bernadette Torres will present what grows locally and how to use native plants for healing and wellness. Each workshop will prepare you for the upcoming season.

This month, discover what plants help with spring illnesses like allergies and sinus issues, and learn about wild and cultivated plants to include in your garden for an abundant fall harvest.

History and Culture of New Mexico Series:

Medicinal Plants and Changing Landscapes of Central New Mexico

March 26 from 1—2:30 p.m.

Gutierrez-Hubbell House, 6029 Isleta Blvd. SW

Join Dara Saville, founder of Albuquerque Herbalism, for a photographic slideshow on medicinal plants and landscapes of central New Mexico. Learn about the properties of some common healing herbs in our area and sample a few herbal remedies. Explore the local landscapes including the Chihuahu Desert, Sandia Mountains, and the Bosque and see how these dynamic places are evolving and what it means for our selected medicinal plants.



Parents Who Host, Lose the Most

The Bernalillo County Office of Health and Social Services will once again promote the campaign, *Parents Who Host, Lose the Most: Don't be a party to teenage drinking*, to help provide parents with accurate information about the health and safety risks associated with underage drinking and the legal consequences of providing alcohol to minors. This program encourages parents and allows the entire community to send a unified message that

teen alcohol consumption is unhealthy, unsafe and unacceptable.

For more information, visit www.bernco.gov/DoNotHost.

Dolores Huerta South Valley Gateway Park Dedication Scheduled

Bernalillo County will hold a park dedication ceremony on **Saturday, April 1 at 9:30 a.m.** at the newly renamed **Dolores Huerta South Valley Gateway Park**.

Dolores Huerta, born in New Mexico and revered as an American labor and civil rights activist, will be attending and speaking at the ceremony.

The park is located at the corner of Bridge and Isleta Boulevards. The Bernalillo County Commission renamed the park in December 2016.

For more information, call (505) 468-1418.



TALK TO US!

Bernalillo County wants to hear from you! Your views are important to us - and there are a number of ways for you to communicate with us on the issues that you care about most. **Sign up** to speak at a commission meeting, **email** a commissioner or **follow us** on social media. To reach us by phone, please **call (505) 468-7000**.

Three items have been brought before the Bernalillo County Board of Commissioners and are currently in the public comment period:

- Adoption of an ordinance to **enact one-eighth percent hold harmless gross receipts tax**;
- Adoption of an ordinance to **reinstate the one-sixteenth operating gross receipts tax**;
- Amendments to the **Drainage Ordinance and the creation of a new chapter, Stormwater Quality**

To view their summaries in great detail and/or to make a comment, please visit online at www.bernco.gov/Government/ordinances.aspx.

NEED Neighborhood Association Resources?

Contact BernCo neighborhood coordinator Darrell Dady at (505) 468-7364 or ddady@bernco.gov.